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Community leaders, parents learn how to seek school funding

Story and photo by Spc. Anthony Reinoso, 372nd MPAD

BAGHDAD, Iraq – Neighborhood Advisory Council members attended a class to learn the procedures of earning a grant from the Coalition Provisional Authority (CPA) to support their public schools in Baghdad.

According to Staff Sgt. Ron Chamrin of the 354th Civil Affairs Battalion, 1st Armored Division, US Army reserve unit from Riverdale, Md., a memorandum of understanding (MOU) is a contract between the neighborhood advisory councils and the headmasters/mistresses of the schools located within their neighborhoods.

"In recognition of the urgent needs in schools, CPA has allocated \$750 for each school in Baghdad," said Chamrin. "The purpose of this special funding is to enable the school's headmaster or mistress to improve the learning environment in their respective schools by meeting urgent critical needs."

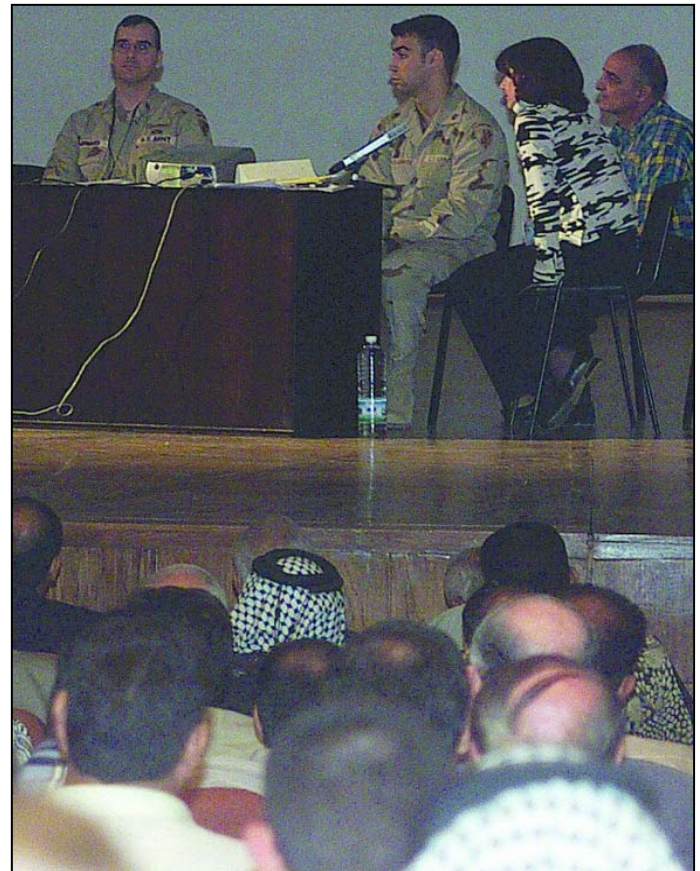
The identification and selection of the project activity will occur through a process between the headmasters/mistresses, two teachers and a minimum of four parents (preferably at least two fathers and two mothers), he explained. However, the project would be more beneficial if more teachers and parents are involved.

The NAC representative agrees to inform the headmaster of each school in his neighborhood of the special funds available for schools and further agrees to consult with the community to identify the best use of these funds to address the urgent needs of that school.

The schoolmaster agrees to use these funds to provide for critical needs of his school. Projects could include purchasing of chalkboards, new desks, new textbooks or to fix lighting and/or air conditioning. Parents and teachers must agree on the project.

Upon completion of spending the project funds, the schoolmaster must provide a written confirmation of project completion.

"The project is not intended to fix all problems," said Maj. Larry Howard, a CPA liaison



Maj. Larry Howard (left), Coalition Provisional Authority liaison officer and Staff Sgt. Ron Chamrin of the 354th Civil Affairs, 1st Armored Division, an U.S. Army reserve unit from Riverdale, Md., explain the steps for earning a CPA grant for school improvement projects.

officer. "This is an initial step to get the headmaster, the teacher and the parents to work together for the benefit of the students."

The NAC representative will receive each fund payment from CPA and agrees to disburse those funds immediately to the headmaster of each school in his neighborhood area.

"This is a community-involved project," said Chamrin.

"By working together everyone can improve and advance. This is another opportunity to improve Baghdad for all."

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News...

Shiites Back Cleric's Call for Elections

BASRA, Iraq (AP) - Tens of thousands of Shiite Muslims shouting "No to America!" marched Thursday through this southern city to back their spiritual leader's call for early elections, a stand that could stymie a U.S. blueprint for transferring power to a new Iraqi administration. The peaceful demonstration in Basra, Iraq's second-largest city, followed a string of violent incidents across the country, including a car bombing in Baqouba and a series of clashes between U.S. troops and insurgents that left 20 people dead.

Braun to Quit Presidential Bid, Back Dean

FORT DODGE, Iowa (AP) - Carol Moseley Braun plans to end her White House bid Thursday, leaving an all-male field for the presidency and giving her support to Democratic front-runner Howard Dean. Braun was to officially endorse the former Vermont governor Thursday afternoon during an appearance at Carroll High School in Carroll, Iowa.

Winter Storm Pummels East and Midwest

NEW YORK (AP) - A winter storm packing fierce winds, frigid temperatures and snow pounded the Northeast on Thursday, causing school closings, flight delays and fender-benders. Temperatures weren't expected to rise out of the single digits Thursday across much of the region, and even worse conditions could be the offing for Friday, forecasters said.

NASA's Rover Rolls Onto Mars Surface

PASADENA, Calif. (AP) - The Spirit rover successfully rolled onto Mars early Thursday, placing its six wheels on solid Martian ground for the first time since the robot bounced down on the Red Planet nearly two weeks ago..

Airports to Allow Two Tries at Detectors

WASHINGTON (AP) - Fewer air travelers will have to take off their shoes and get their carry-on bags searched at security checkpoints under a new screening policy at airports around the country. The Transportation Security Administration is giving people who set off metal detectors on their first pass through the metal detectors a second chance, after they've removed the coins or keys they think caused the alarm.

Chaplain's thought for the day...

This Moment Only

Begin doing what you want to do now. We are not living in eternity. We have only this moment, sparkling like a star in our hand and melting like a snowflake.

--Marie Beyon Ray

Entertainment...

'Mystic River' Collects SAG Nominations

LOS ANGELES (AP) -- "Mystic River" and "The Station Agent" collected three Screen Actors Guild nominations Thursday, including best ensemble cast.

Patricia Clarkson picked up bids for both supporting actress for playing an angry cancer patient in "Pieces of April" and lead actress in "The Station Agent."

Peter Dinklage, the diminutive star of "The Station Agent," received a lead actor bid.

"Mystic River" was recognized for Tim Robbins' supporting turn as the survivor of childhood sexual abuse who finds himself the suspect of murder and Sean Penn received a lead actor nomination for playing an ex-con.

Other ensemble contenders: "In America," "The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King" and "Seabiscuit."

Johnny Depp picked up another bid for that role from SAG - a significant boost for his Oscar chances.

Besides Depp, Dinklage and Penn, the lead actor contenders were Bill Murray for "Lost in Translation" and Ben Kingsley for "House of Sand and Fog."

The lead actress contenders besides Clarkson were Diane Keaton for "Something's Gotta Give," Naomi Watts for "21 Grams," Charlize Theron for "Monster" and 16-year-old Evan Rachel Wood for "thirteen."

Chris Cooper was nominated for a SAG award in the supporting category for "Seabiscuit." His competition besides Robbins: Alec Baldwin for "The Cooler," Benicio Del Toro for "21 Grams" and Ken Watanabe for "The Last Samurai."

Clarkson's supporting actress rivals were Keisha Castle-Hughes, the 13-year-old star of "Whale Rider," Maria Bello of "The Cooler," Holly Hunter from "thirteen" and Renee Zellweger for "Cold Mountain."

In the TV categories, HBO's "Angels in America" collected six nominations in the TV-movie performer categories for Al Pacino, Meryl Streep, Jeffrey Wright, Mary-Louise Parker, Justin Kirk and Emma Thompson. Helen Mirren and Anne Bancroft were both nominated in the TV-movie actress category for the Showtime film "Tennessee Williams' The Roman Spring of Mrs. Stone."

CBS' "Everybody Loves Raymond" collected six nominations - one for each of its stars Ray Romano, Patricia Heaton, Peter Boyle, Brad Garrett and Doris Roberts, along with a best comedy ensemble bid. Other contenders: NBC's "Will & Grace" and "Friends," "Frasier" (NBC) and HBO's "Sex and the City."

The TV drama class: NBC's "The West Wing," including individual acting mentions for Martin Sheen, Stockard Channing and Allison Janney and a best drama cast nomination.

Other ensemble drama series nominees were CBS' "CSI: Crime Scene Investigation," NBC's "Law & Order," HBO's "Six Feet Under," and CBS' "Without a Trace."

The 10th annual ceremony will take place Feb. 22 in Los Angeles. SAG nominations are chosen by 4,200 randomly chosen members of the union. The guild's full membership of 98,000 is eligible to vote for winners.

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with seat belts!!!

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As of: Thursday, January 15, 2004 8:21:27 PM

Start Time	SPORTS	ATLANTIC	SPECTRUM	PACIFIC	NEWS	Start Time
00:00	ESPNEWS	HEADLINE NEWS	GOLDI : - THE GOLD WARS	TODAY		00:00
00:30	ESPNEWS	TONIGHT SHOW WITH JAY LENO			AIR FORCE TV NEWS	00:30
01:00	AROUND THE HORN		HELEN WEST : - SHADOW PLAY		LESTER HOLT LIVE	01:00
01:30	PARDON THE INTERRUPTION	THE LATE SHOW WITH DAVID LETTERMAN				01:30
02:00	SPORTSCENTER			SESAME STREET	HEADLINE NEWS	02:00
02:30	PGA TOUR - SONY OPEN: FIRST ROUND	ACCESS HOLLYWOOD			NBC NIGHTLY NEWS	02:30
03:00		COLLEGE BASKETBALL - ACC: VIRGINIA @ GEORGIA TECH	ROCKET POWER : - HAPPY LUAU TO YOU-AU	TELETUBBIES : - NAUGHTY PIG	ABC WORLD NEWS TONIGHT	03:00
03:30			THE FAIRLY ODDPARENTS : - SPACED OUT/ TRANSPARENTS	WHEEL OF FORTUNE	CBS EVENING NEWS	03:30
04:00			THE SIMPSONS : - BLAME IT ON LISA	THE DR. PHIL SHOW	THE NEWSHOUR	04:00
04:30			THE COSBY SHOW : - A SHIRT STORY			04:30
05:00	NHL - DALLAS STARS @ COLORADO AVALANCHE	COLLEGE BASKETBALL - CUSA: LOUISVILLE @ EAST CAROLINA	CHARMED : - SAND FRANCISCO DREAMIN'	THE OPRAH WINFREY SHOW	HANNITY & COLMES	05:00
06:00			THE X-FILES : - EVE	NBC NIGHTLY NEWS	CNBC: THE NEWS	06:00
06:30				JUDGE JUDY		06:30
07:00		HEADLINE NEWS	SAVAGE SEAS : - KILLER WAVES	ACCESS HOLLYWOOD	BET NIGHTLY NEWS	07:00
07:25				GUIDING LIGHT		07:25
07:30	SPORTSCENTER	ESPNEWS			NIGHTLY BUSINESS REPORT	07:30
08:00	NFL LIVE	HEADLINE NEWS	THE LIFE OF MAMMALS		LARRY KING LIVE	08:00
08:13				GENERAL HOSPITAL		08:13
08:30	ESPNEWS	HEADLINE NEWS				08:30
09:00	NFL TOTAL ACCESS	SESAME STREET	BUFFY THE VAMPIRE SLAYER : - CHECKPOINT	CALILOU : - WHEN I GROW UP	NEWSNIGHT WITH AARON BROWN	09:00
09:30				THE WEEKENDERS : - LISTEN UP/ NEVER SAY DIORAMA		09:30
10:00	SPORTSCENTER	TELETUBBIES : - NAUGHTY PIG	IRON CHEF : - BEE/TSAKAI VS KOUJI YAMADA	AS TOLD BY GINGER	PAULA ZAHN NOW	10:00
10:30		WHEEL OF FORTUNE		CHALK ZONE : - TWO LEFT FEET/ ALL DAY JAM/ SNAP OUT OF WATER/ RUDUS TABOOTUS		10:30
11:00	COLLEGE BASKETBALL - PAC-10: WASHINGTON @ OREGON	THE DR. PHIL SHOW	ROCKET POWER : - HAPPY LUAU TO YOU-AU	JEOPARDY!	NIGHTLINE	11:00
11:30			THE FAIRLY ODDPARENTS : - SPACED OUT/ TRANSPARENTS	HEADLINE NEWS	HEADLINE NEWS	11:30
11:46		THE OPRAH WINFREY SHOW				11:46
11:52				PACIFIC REPORT		11:52
12:00			THE SIMPSONS : - BLAME IT ON LISA	ESPNEWS	HARDBALL WITH CHRIS MATTHEWS	12:00
12:30			THE COSBY SHOW : - A SHIRT STORY	HEADLINE NEWS		12:30
12:35		GUIDING LIGHT				12:35
12:52				PACIFIC REPORT		12:52
13:00	SPORTSCENTER		CHARMED : - SAND FRANCISCO DREAMIN'	KING OF THE HILL : - WITCHES OF EAST ARLEN	THE O'REILLY FACTOR	13:00
13:17		GENERAL HOSPITAL				13:17
13:30				THAT 70'S SHOW : - YOUR TIME IS GONNA COME		13:30
14:00	INSIDE THE NFL	HEADLINE NEWS	THE X-FILES : - EVE	MEET MY FOLKS	PRIMETIME	14:00
14:30		JUDGE JUDY				14:30
15:00	NHL - CAROLINA HURRICANES @ TAMPA BAY LIGHTNING	TODAY	SAVAGE SEAS : - KILLER WAVES	24 : - DAY 2: 9:00 P.M. - 10:00 P.M.	GOOD MORNING AMERICA	15:00
16:00			THE LIFE OF MAMMALS	HEADLINE NEWS		16:00
16:22				PACIFIC REPORT		16:22
16:30				TONIGHT SHOW WITH JAY LENO		16:30
17:00		CALILOU : - WHEN I GROW UP	BUFFY THE VAMPIRE SLAYER : - CHECKPOINT		HEADLINE NEWS	17:00
17:30	SPORTSCENTER	THE WEEKENDERS : - LISTEN UP/ NEVER SAY DIORAMA		THE LATE SHOW WITH DAVID LETTERMAN	CHANNEL ONE	17:30
17:45					ABC WORLD NEWS THIS MORNING	17:45
18:00		AS TOLD BY GINGER	IRON CHEF : - BEE/TSAKAI VS KOUJI YAMADA		THE EARLY SHOW	18:00
18:30	NFL LIVE	CHALK ZONE : - TWO LEFT FEET/ ALL DAY JAM/ SNAP OUT OF WATER/ RUDUS TABOOTUS		ACCESS HOLLYWOOD		18:30
19:00	SPORTSCENTER	JEOPARDY!	ROCKET POWER : - HAPPY LUAU TO YOU-AU	SHANGHAI NOON		19:00
19:30		HEADLINE NEWS	THE FAIRLY ODDPARENTS : - SPACED OUT/ TRANSPARENTS			19:30
20:00	INSIDE THE NFL	ESPNEWS	THE SIMPSONS : - BLAME IT ON LISA		FOX NEWS LIVE	20:00
20:30		HEADLINE NEWS	THE COSBY SHOW : - A SHIRT STORY			20:30
21:00	SPORTSCENTER	KING OF THE HILL : - WITCHES OF EAST ARLEN	CHARMED : - SAND FRANCISCO DREAMIN'	WHITE FANG	PRIMETIME	21:00
21:30		THAT 70'S SHOW : - YOUR TIME IS GONNA COME				21:30
22:00	ROME IS BURNING	MEET MY FOLKS	THE X-FILES : - EVE		FOX NEWS LIVE	22:00
23:00	ESPNEWS	24 : - DAY 2: 9:00 P.M. - 10:00 P.M.	SAVAGE SEAS : - KILLER WAVES	TODAY	HEADLINE NEWS	23:00
23:30	NFL FILMS PRESENTS - GAME OF THE WEEK				INSIDE POLITICS	23:30

Today in history... Jan. 16, 1979

SHAH FLEES IRAN

(HISTORYCHANNEL.COM) Faced with an army mutiny and violent demonstrations against his rule, Mohammad Reza Shah Pahlavi, the leader of Iran since 1941, is forced to flee the country. Fourteen days later, the Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, the spiritual leader of the Islamic revolution, returned after 15 years of exile and took control of Iran.

In 1941, British and Soviet troops occupied Iran, and the first Pahlavi shah, who they regarded with suspicion, was forced to abdicate in favor of his son, Mohammad Reza. The new shah promised to act as a constitutional monarch but often meddled in the elected government's affairs. After a Communist plot against him was thwarted in 1949, he took on even more powers. However, in the early 1950s, the shah was eclipsed by Mohammad Mosaddeq, a zealous Iranian nationalist who convinced the Parliament to nationalize Britain's extensive oil interests in Iran. Mohammad Reza, who maintained close relations with Britain and the United States, opposed the decision. Nevertheless, he was forced in 1951 to appoint Mosaddeq premier, and two years of tension followed.

In August 1953, Mohammad Reza attempted to dismiss Mosaddeq, but the premier's popular support was so great that the shah himself was forced out of Iran. A few days later, British and U.S. intelligence agents orchestrated a stunning coup d'etat against Mosaddeq, and the shah returned to take power as the sole leader of Iran. He repealed Mosaddeq's legislation and became a close Cold War ally of the United States in the Middle East.

In 1963, the shah launched his "White Revolution," a broad government program that included land reform, infrastructure development, voting rights for women, and the reduction of illiteracy. Although these programs were applauded by many in Iran, Islamic leaders were critical of what they saw as the westernization of Iran. Ruhollah Khomeini, a Shiite cleric, was particularly vocal in his criticism and called for the overthrow of the shah and the establishment of an Islamic state. In 1964, Khomeini was exiled and settled across the border in Iraq, where he sent radio messages to incite his supporters.

The shah saw himself foremost as a Persian king and in 1971 held an extravagant celebration of the 2,500th anniversary of the pre-Islamic Persian monarchy. In 1976, he formally replaced the Islamic calendar with a Persian calendar. Religious discontent grew, and the shah became more repressive, using his brutal secret police force to suppress opposition. This alienated students and intellectuals in Iran, and support for Khomeini grew. Discontent was also rampant in the poor and middle classes, who felt that the economic developments of the White Revolution had only benefited the ruling elite. In 1978, anti-shah demonstrations broke out in Iran's major cities.

On September 8, 1978, the shah's security force fired on a large group of demonstrators, killing hundreds and wounding thousands. Two months later, thousands took to the streets of Tehran, rioting and destroying symbols of westernization, such as banks and liquor stores. Khomeini called for the shah's immediate overthrow, and on December 11 a group of soldiers mutinied and attacked the shah's security officers. With that, his regime collapsed and the shah fled.

The shah traveled to several countries before entering the United States in October 1979 for medical treatment of his cancer. In Tehran, Islamic militants responded on November 4 by storming the U.S. embassy and taking the staff hostage. With the approval of Khomeini, the militants demanded the return of the shah to Iran to stand trial for his crimes. The United States refused to negotiate, and 52 American hostages were held for 444 days. Mohammad Reza Shah Pahlavi died in Egypt in July 1980.